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State-ICA-Defense message for Ambassador, USOM Director, and MAAG Chief.

Senate Foreign Relations Special Committee studying the Mutual Security Program is retaining distinguished citizens as consultants to make field studies in various areas. Mr. Hamilton Fish Armstrong, Editor of Foreign Affairs, has been retained to make a survey in the Near Eastern area. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Armstrong and by Mr. Charles Weaver, Legislative Assistant to Senator Aiken of Vermont. Mr. Armstrong will replace former Ambassador James Clement Dunn, who had agreed to make the survey of this area but now finds it impossible to do so. (CA-4130 Nov. 14, 1956, is biographic information on Armstrong)

It had originally been planned that Ambassador Dunn or Mr. Armstrong would go to several countries in the area. However, due to the current situation the Department has recommended to Mr. Armstrong and to the Foreign Relations Committee that he plan only to visit Lebanon and Iraq. Mr. Armstrong had been informed that if the situation should ease ^{arrangements are being made} Depart. will be happy to consider at a later time ~~arrangements are being made~~ for him to go also to Israel and/or Jordan.

Mr. Armstrong will submit a report to the Committee on the fundamental aims of American foreign policy in the area, the extent to which these aims are promoted by the Mutual Security Program, and his recommendation for changes, if any. He will be concerned with all substantive and administrative aspects of both the military and non-military programs. He has been given a short general briefing in Washington on Lebanon and Iraq by NEA, ICA, and Defense. It is contemplated that he will be provided with all necessary details in the field. He will not carry classified documents with him.

The Executive Branch regards the Senate study as highly important and wishes the utmost cooperation with the consultants. All Country Teams are requested to provide the fullest assistance in their studies and to make appropriate reports to the Department, Defense, and ICA -- (See ICATO Circulars IA-341 and IA-368. Missions should meet and

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assist, arrange and confirm accommodations, plan local briefings, visits with key officials, and field surveys of major Mutual Security Program projects. Mr. Armstrong also wishes to have the opportunity for discussions with U.S. newsmen, missionaries, businessmen, etc., individually or in small groups to obtain points of view from non-official observers. Mr. Armstrong would like to have most evenings free or half day at end of each visit to organize notes on trip.* Request social functions be kept to minimum. Party will not carry formal clothes.

Country Teams in Lebanon and Iraq are requested to prepare tentative schedules. The schedule for Lebanon should be available for Mr. Armstrong's approval on arrival in Beirut. Baghdad is requested to send its proposed schedule to Beirut for Mr. Armstrong's review. As indicated by the itinerary below Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Weaver will have approximately three weeks in the area. Beirut and Baghdad should each plan for a visit of approximately one week, leaving approximately one week for a possible trip to Israel and/or Jordan. In the event this becomes impossible Mr. Armstrong will work out in the field plans for use of his remaining time.

Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Weaver will have top secret security clearances. Information and documents to be made available to them should follow the pattern of treatment of visiting Congressional groups. They are authorized to use local currencies where available from Congressional travel account 19FT561. Both are authorized to sign receipts. The use of attaché aircraft in accordance with Air Force regulation 76-6, paragraph 6E is authorized by the Department of Defense. Congressional travel handbook applies. An outline prepared by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee for surveys by its consultants is also being pouched separately --(CA-3746).

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The Itinerary follows:

Nov. 20 Lv. New York 6:00 p.m., PAA #114
21 Ar. Paris 12:45 p.m.

Nov. 22 Lv. Paris 11:45 a.m., PAA #64
Ar. Beirut 9:15 p.m.

(travel in the Near East area to be arranged from Beirut)

Dec. 14 Lv. Beirut 1:00 p.m., PAA #65
Ar. Paris 9:40 p.m.

Dec. 15 Lv. Paris 8:00 p.m., PAA #115
16 Ar. New York 7:30 a.m.
(Mr. Weaver only)

Dec. 16 Lv. Paris 8:00 p.m., PAA #115
Ar. New York 7:30 a.m.
(Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong only)

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Embassy Beirut is requested to inform Harry Labouisse of Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong's visit.

Embassy Baghdad: In the event the situation in Israel and Jordan seems at all likely to make a visit there possible Mr. Armstrong will request Embassy Baghdad to send a message to the Department asking whether a visit to one or both countries can be approved. Baghdad is requested to notify Embassies Amman and Tel Aviv and these Embassies are requested to inform the Department whether a visit by Mr. Armstrong to their area is practicable. In view of the importance of the Foreign Relations Committee study and of the Near East area, the Department would be inclined to favor the extension of Mr. Armstrong's trip unless it would be entirely impracticable.

Embassy Jidda: There is no present contemplation that Mr. Armstrong will visit Jidda. However, in the event that it remains impracticable for him to visit Israel or Jordan, he may wish to come to Jidda. This instruction is therefore being sent to Jidda for its information.

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Mr. Armstrong also requests that he be left occasional half days for rest.

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